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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—W. ANGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C.; GEORGE STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill; GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C.; RAYES HENRY & CO., 37, Walbrook; E.C.; SAMUEL DEANSON & CO., 150 & 154, Londonwall Street; W. M. WILLS, 151, Cannon Street, E.C.; ROBERT WATSON, 150, Fleet Street.

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NEW YORK.—J. STEWART HAPPER, THE CHINESE EVANGELIST OFFICE, 62, West 22d Street.

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Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL £250,000.

LONDON.—40, Threadneedle Street, West End Office, 25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives Money on Deposit, Buys and Sells Bills of Exchange, Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to a had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.— Fixed for 12 months, 6 per cent. per annum
" 6 " 4 " "
On CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 4, 1890. 1302

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on work-days, 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balance.

5.—Each Deposit will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

F. DE BOVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1891. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$5,200,000.
RESERVE FUND \$6,500,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF \$9,200,000.
PROPRIETORS

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS,
Chairman—J. S. MOSES, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—S. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq.
H. L. DALMAYER, Hon. J. J. KESWICK,
Esq.
T. E. DAVIES, Esq.
G. J. HOLLYDAY, Esq.
H. HOFFMUS, Esq.
F. DE BOVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1891. 754

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 6 per cent. "

LOCAL BANK DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

F. DE BOVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 11, 1891. 863

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

CHIMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
(ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.)

Wholesale and Retail Druggists.
ANALYTICAL,
FAMILY, DISPENSING & GENERAL CHEMISTS.

P E R F U M E R I E S.

PATENT MEDICINE PROPRIETORS.

SEEDSMEN.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
CIGAR IMPORTERS, &c., &c.

MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED
WATERS
BY STEAM MACHINERY.

THIS being THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
of our Firm, and THE JUBILEE YEAR
of the Colony, "THE HONGKONG DISPEN-
SARY having been Established A.D. 1841,"
we take the opportunity of thanking our
friends for their support during the last 50
years, and tender them the assurance of our
best services in the future as in the past.

We shall continue to import Drugs,
CHEMICALS, and Goods of every kind of
the BEST QUALITY ONLY as heretofore, at
prices that will be found to compare favourably
with those ruling at home.

BRANCH ESTABLISHMENTS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

THE SHANGHAI PHARMACY, SHANGHAI,
24, Nanking Road.

BOTIGA INGLEZA, MANILA,
Ecija, 14.

TEH CANTON DISPENSARY, CANTON,
Canal Road.

THE DISPENSARY, FOOCHOW.

THE DISPENSARY, HANKOW.

THE DISPENSARY, TIENTSIN.

LONDON OFFICE,
166, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
21st January, 1891. 180

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from
the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that
ARTILLERY PRACTICE will take place from
the Batteries at Lyemun in North-
Westerly and Easterly directions. North
Point is in a North-Easterly direction, and
Kowloon Dock in an Easterly direction;
Observatory Hill defines the limits within
which the firing will take place.

By Command,

W. M. DEANE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 11th March, 1891. 478

N O T I C E .

SPECTACLES AND EYE-GLASSES.

THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEET-
ING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in the
above COMPANY will be held at the
HONGKONG HOTEL on WEDNESDAY, the
26th day of MARCH, 1891, at 2.30 p.m. in
the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors and a Statement of
Accounts to the 30th day of Sep-
tember, 1890.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 18th Instan-
t to the 26th Instant, both days inclus-
ive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

K. A. STEVENS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1891. 470

THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

N O T I C E .

Notice is hereby given that an EX-
TRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEET-
ING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the
above COMPANY will be held at the
HONGKONG HOTEL, VICTORIA, in the
City Hall, for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Committee, and passing the
Secretary's Accounts for the year ending
31st December, 1890, for the purpose of considering, and if
approved of passing, the following Special
Resolution—

"That the Capital of The Balmoral Gold
Mining Company, Limited, be in-
creased from \$18,000 to \$22,000 by
the creation of Four Thousand and
Five Hundred New Shares of One Pound
to be fully paid up. And that such
New Shares be issued upon such
terms and conditions and generally
with such rights and privileges as
shall be resolved upon or directed at
the Meeting, and no direction be
given as to the Directors shall deter-
mine."

By Order of the Board of Directors,

K. A. STEVENS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1891. 471

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

N O T I C E .

THE Eighth Ordinary General MEET-
ING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the
Office of the Company, Praya Central, on
MONDAY, the 20th March, at 11 a.m.,
for the purpose of receiving the Report from
the General Managers, deciding a Dividend, and
electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from 16th to 30th Instant,
both days inclusive.

RUSSELL & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 12, 1891. 492

Business Notices.

LAW & CRAWFORD & CO.

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

A NEW SELECTION OF
VIOLINS, TENORS, BANJOS, GUITARS, MANDOLINES AND ZITHERS,
CORNETS, SAXHORNS, BARITONES, EUPHONIUMS AND TROMBONES,
CLARINETS, OBOES, FLUTES, PICCOLOS, FIFES AND FLAGEOLETTES.

VIOLIN CASES AND BOWS,
FITTINGS FOR ALL MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

A LARGE STOCK OF MUSIC.

SELECTIONS may be had on Approval.

PIANOS,

By BROADWOOD, COLLARD, CHAPPELL and OTHER EMINENT MAKERS.

PIANOS ON HIRE.

PIANOS TUNED.

PIANOS REPAIRED.

Pianos on the Monthly Payment System.

Hongkong, February 28, 1891. 413

W. POWELL & CO.

JUST RECEIVED
A NEW STOCK

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S
UNDERCLOTHING.

W. POWELL & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, March 14, 1891.

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victoria Hotel,
Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

1000

THIS extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office, Banks, &c.), has recently undergone much enlargement and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have been recently furnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The ACCOMMODATION and SERVICE of every kind will be found to be of the best description.

An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTES is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, RAINBOW, BILLIARD and SMOKING ROOMS.

The HOTEL is unreserved for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

MESSRS. DORAEJEE & KING KEE,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1891. 1612

ROBERT LANG & CO.,
TAILORS, GENERAL OUTFITTERS, &c.

(Opposite HONGKONG HOTEL).

1000

OUR STOCK of SEASONABLE GOODS is now complete in all the NEWEST MATERIALS, comprising—A Large Variety of DRESS SUITING from \$30, upwards. TWEEDS FOR SUITS, UL

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.
Under the distinguished patronage of His
Excellency the Governor, Sir C. W. Dea
Vine, K.C.M.G.

WEDNESDAY, March 18th.

MADAME PATEY,
CONCERT PARTY.

POPULAR SCOTCH CONCERT.

Under the patronage of COLONEL VERNON
CHATTEN AND OFFICERS OF THE ARGYLL &
Sutherland Highlanders.

POPULAR PROGRAMME.

POPULAR PUZZLES.
Dress Circle and Stalls... \$2.00
Balcony Seats... \$1.00
Soldiers and Sailors, half price to Back
Seats.
Print Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd.,
Hongkong, March 10, 1891.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

Mrs. CARSON.....Lessor and Manager.
Mr. W. WALKER.....Manager for Mrs. CARSON.

SATURDAY NEXT, 21st March.

For a Short Season.

M. R. G. C. MILN,

Supported by
Miss LOUISE JORDAN

and ORIGINAL COMPANY.

Pronounced by Press and Public to be

without exception the

Most Powerful Dramatic Organization

that has ever visited the East!

in the following Repertoire of Plays—

HAMLET.

Melbourne Argus.—"Mr. MILN's impres-

sionation of HAMLET was one of the best

ever seen on the Melbourne Stage."

Daily Telegraph.—"(Miss LOUISE JORDAN)

There is a charm about her maidenliness

which is irresistible."

PROGRAMME FOR SEASON

(which will be strictly adhered to).

HAMLET.—SATURDAY and TUES-

DAY, 21st and 25th Instant.

MERCHANT OF VENICE.—THU-

ESDAY, 26th.

RICHARD III.—SATURDAY, 28th.

ROMEO and JULIET.—WEDNESDAY

and THURSDAY, 1st and 2nd

APRIL.

ROB ROY.—SATURDAY and MON-

DAY, 4th and 5th April.

OTHELLO.—WEDNESDAY 8th.

LADY OF LYONS.—THURSDAY, 9th.

FAREWELL PERFORMANCE.—MACBETH—

SATURDAY, 11th.

Opinion of the Englishman (Olcott).—

"Mr. MILN is the FIRST MANAGER who

has attempted an ADEQUATE STAGING of

these GREAT PLAYS IN INDIA."

Price \$2 and \$1. Soldiers in Uniform Half

Price to One Dollar Seats.

Box Plan now open at KELLY & WALSH,

Hongkong, March 16, 1891.

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THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR

DRAMATIC CLUB.

THE above CLUB will give a

PERFORMANCE ON

MONDAY, March 30th,

AND

TUESDAY, March 31st,

When will be produced an ORIGINAL COMEDY

by JAMES A. LEARY, entitled

TWO ROSES.

By kind permission of LIBUL-COLONEL

CHARTER and the OFFICES, the BAND

of the 1st Batt. Argyll and Su-

therland Highlanders will per-

form during the evening.

Tickets can be obtained from Messrs.

Lane, Crawford & Co., on and after Mon-

day, March 23d, at 11 a.m.

PRICE, - - - \$2 and \$1.

Doors open at 8.30 p.m. Performance to

commence at 9 o'clock p.m.

Hongkong, March 16, 1891.

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CANTON DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS,

No. 53.

PILES OF WHAMPOA BARRIER

CARRIED AWAY.

CAPTAINS of Vessels are hereby no-

tified, that no reliance can be placed

on the position of the Green Light at the

Whampoa barrier, (14-16 Chs) until the

outer piles on the South side—recently car-

ried away—are replaced; due notice of

which will be given.

J. H. MAY,
Harbour Master.

Approved:

F. E. WOODRUFFE,
Commissioner.

CUSTOM HOUSE,

Canton, 14th March, 1891.

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THE CHINA SHIPPERS MUTUAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COM-

PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, LIVERPOOL AND

SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship "Chingoo,"

having arrived from the above Ports,

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed

that their Goods are being landed at their

risk in the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND

KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY,

LIMITED, Kowloon, whence delivery may

be obtained.

No. 100 Linen will be admitted after all

Goods have left the Godowns and all

Claims must be sent in to the Office of the

Undersigned, before Noon on the 22d

Instant or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods

are to be left in the Godowns, where they

will be examined on the 22d Inst., at 4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and

any Goods remaining in the Godowns after

the 22d Inst. will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, March 16, 1891.

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To-day's Advertisements.

occidental & oriental steam-

ship company.

NOTICE.

DURING my Absence from Hongkong, Mr. J. S. VAN BUREN takes

charge of the BUSINESS of the Company as

ACTING AGENT.

CHAS. D. HARMAN,

Agent.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

DURING the week ending 15th March, 1891, 158 Europeans and 1,377 Chinese visited the City Hall Museum.

The Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club will perform the comedy "Two Rivers" at the Theatre Royal on Monday and Tuesday, 30th and 31st inst.

Le Courier d'Haiphong says the traffic in Annamese women has greatly increased of late. The women are kidnapped or bought in the interior by Chinese. A few are sent via Haiphong, but the majority are sent overland to the North of Tonkin or to Fukien, and are sent thence to Hongkong, Hainan, Canton, &c.

A seizure of 200 tuns of smuggled opium was made on board the British barque *Wm. Le Lachet*, to-day, by Mr. Spooner, chief Excise Officer. The opium was found in the chief officer's cabin and has apparently been brought from San Francisco. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the chief officer, and the case will be tried in the Police Court to-morrow.

PAPERS received by the English Mail contain reports of the first annual meeting of the Trust and Loan Company of China, Japan and the Straits Limited, which, as was to be expected from the magnificent dividend paid, was very harmonious. A report of the proceedings will be given to-morrow.

MATINEES of the East Borneo, Songki Koyah and Laing Companies were held to-day, at the offices of the General Managers (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.), for the purpose of confirming the resolution passed on 27th February last for the winding up of the companies. The resolution was confirmed in each case. Messrs. O. S. Sharp and L. Hallward are the liquidators.

THE question of liability in connection with the collision which occurred between the No. 2 Police launch and the Dock Company's No. 1 launch in January last has been the subject of arbitration, with the result that the Police launch has been held to blame. The arbitrators were Commander Hastings, Acting Harbour Master, on behalf of the Government, and Capt. Burrie, on behalf of the Dock Company. The evidence of the Chinese who were on board the launches at the time of the accident was taken at the Harbour Office to-day. It will be remembered that the Police launch, which was struck a little astern of the funnel, sank almost immediately, while the stem of the Dock Co.'s launch was considerably injured.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that the Hon. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart has been provisionally appointed to be an unofficial member of the Executive Council in the place of O. Chadwick, Esq., absent from the Colony. This form of announcement, we understand, is what "rhymers would call an 'exigency.' As the Governor has no power to make new appointments on the Executive Council before the receipt of the letters patent governing such appointment, His Excellency places Mr. Stewart-Lockhart on the Executive, to fill a vacancy, and that vacancy happens to be the one caused by Mr. Chadwick's absence. No one is at all likely to challenge the great desirability of having the Protector of Chinese on the Executive, as his office is one of the most important in the administration of this Colony. Only, there is no connection whatever between the duties of the Registrar General and those performed at one time by Mr. Chadwick.

THE following items are from the London and China Express of 13th February:—
The Tamar, troophip, Captain Hammett, embarked 10 officers and 1*mate* at Pusan on the 11th inst., and sailed soon after noon for Hong Kong.
Admiral Besnard, Commander of the French Naval Division on the China Station, has received orders to place the gunboat *Viper* at the disposal of the Czarewitch. The Russian Heir-apparent will embark on board the *Viper* at Hongkong or Macao for Canton, on which trip he will be accompanied by Admiral Besnard. The gunboat will subsequently remain at the orders of the Czarewitch during his stay in the Far East, in order to enable him to navigate fluvial waters which a Russian vessel of large draught could not enter.

THE postal anomalies in the Far East do not pass entirely away. True, for the British Colonies of the Straits Settlements and Hongkong, as also China, the rate from this country for letters is now uniformly 2d. But it is when we come to look at the homeward rates that the differences appear, for whilst the Straits and Borneo division have reduced the postage from 10 to 5*d*. per half-ounce, they have retained the rate of 1*d*. per half-ounce. The omission of a central Asiatic Exchange would be a distinct, and we have no doubt a successful, step in this direction.

MADAME PATEY'S CONCERT. The Government have not yet, we believe, further considered the opinion clause forming the additional article of the leasehold agreement with the object of giving notice to disintegrate the same. The clause was to be in force for four years, and so long thereafter as no notice was given on either side to terminate the same, when it would cease to exist twelve months after notice was given. Mather would then revert to the condition they had previously had in under the Treaty of Tientsin. There is no doubt that the British Government did not at the time the article was signed anticipate that the Chinese would support and encourage the growth of the poppy in China; but rather that efforts would be made to repress it. Instead of this course being pursued, however, the Chinese are encouraging the growth of the opium article, and driving Indian out of the market. His Lordship's hope is evidently to make up on native opium what is being lost on tea.

You may call my attention to any point of law in the matter, but you have no right to suggest that the Court will not be governed by the rules of law. Ultimately his Lordship held that Mr. Pollock could not proceed. Mr. Francis applied for costs of the day, but His Lordship said he would make no order as to costs.

Messrs. Melchers & Co. inform us that the Norddeutscher Lloyd steamer *Sachsen*, Capt. H. von Gans, carrying the German Mail, dated Berlin 17th Feb., left Singapore yesterday, and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 19th inst.

The Tonkin papers report a rather serious encroachment-of-piracy. In one district thousand well-armed men are almost in possession of the country, and the militia seems unable to cope with them. The natives, thinking themselves deserted, show signs of co-operating with the pirates.

WE (Amoy Times) hear that Mr. J. G. Götz has been appointed Vice-Counsel for the Court of all the Russians at Amoy.

THE two last issues of the Engineer received contain views and some description of an appreciative nature of the Hongkong High Level Tramway.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that Lieut. W. C. Nicholson, R.A., has been appointed temporary Adjutant to the Hongkong Volunteers.

A SWISS engineer claims to have invented a new machine for making fireless railings out of iron rods, the machinery striking 140 strokes per minute, each stroke producing two hammers.

AT Mauritius, where the elected and non-voting members outnumber the officials, the military contribution has been reduced from Rs. 346,000 to Rs. 275,000 by 12 votes. The latter were all official voices.

A DERANGEMENT OF METAPHORS.—There is no place like the House of Commons for a nice arrangement of metaphors. A workman Major talked in his sleep of the "blistering of a bruised worm," and another graver said:—"The British Lion, whether it is roaming the deserts of India, or climbing the forests of Canada, will not draw in its horns, or retire into its shell."

ACCORDING to all accounts, the creditors of the Cape of Good Hope Bank have had a windfall. At the time of the liquidation the bank had 30,000 Pigg's Peak shares, which were scheduled at 1*s*. each. The liquidators have managed to sell them at 2*s*. and, perhaps regret now that they did not hold them a little longer. *Financial News*.

THE *Si Lopore Free Press* of 7th inst. says:—"It has been decided to call a public meeting under the auspices of the Straits Association, probably for Friday, to consider the proposal of Sir Stamford Raffles to support the protest of the non-official members of the Legislative Council against the arbitrary enforcement of an exaction from our Colonial revenues for which it is impossible to find any shadow of just ground."

THE *Bangkok Times* of the 4th inst. says:—"The most regrettable part of the liquidation of Messrs. Jucker, Sigg & Co. is that so many moderately well off people had their savings deposited with the house. We hear of one man who had deposited £1,000, and many others in a small way, business men, who will now probably lose a large portion of their hard-earned savings. It may, perhaps, be some consolation for them to learn that, according to present calculations, the assets will probably cover 50 per cent. of their claims."

THE *Shanghai Mercury* says:—"We hear that the Chinese men-of-war Chih Yuen and Ching Yuen will leave here shortly to the Taku. They will be followed by the Imperial Yacht and the other ships of the royal fleet, and at least was erroneously given to understand that no special reception would be given him by the Foreign community here. We are sorry that H.I.H. should be under this false impression, but we suppose it cannot be helped."

THE following items are from the London and China Express of 13th February:—

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Admiral Besnard, Commander of the French Naval Division on the China Station, has received orders to place the gunboat *Viper* at the disposal of the Czarewitch. The Russian Heir-apparent will embark on board the *Viper* at Hongkong or Macao for Canton, on which trip he will be accompanied by Admiral Besnard. The gunboat will subsequently remain at the orders of the Czarewitch during his stay in the Far East, in order to enable him to navigate fluvial waters which a Russian vessel of large draught could not enter.

THE postal anomalies in the Far East do not pass entirely away. True, for the British Colonies of the Straits Settlements and Hongkong, as also China, the rate from this country for letters is now uniformly 2d. But it is when we come to look at the homeward rates that the differences appear, for whilst the Straits and Borneo division have reduced the postage from 10 to 5*d*. per half-ounce, they have retained the rate of 1*d*. per half-ounce. The omission of a central Asiatic Exchange would be a distinct, and we have no doubt a successful, step in this direction.

MADAME PATEY'S CONCERT. There must have been some unusual combination of circumstances which kept a large number of the music-loving members of the community away from the Theatre Royal on Saturday evening; for, considering the quality of the entertainment provided by Madame Patey and her concert party, the attendance was surprisingly meagre. An entertainment at Government House had no doubt something to do with the comparative emptiness of the dress circle, but it does not account for all the many vacant seats in all parts of the house.

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THE Government have not yet, we believe, further considered the opinion clause forming the additional article of the leasehold agreement with the object of giving notice to disintegrate the same. The clause was to be in force for four years, and so long thereafter as no notice was given on either side to terminate the same, when it would cease to exist twelve months after notice was given. Mather would then revert to the condition they had previously had in under the Treaty of Tientsin. There is no doubt that the British Government did not at the time the article was signed anticipate that the Chinese would support and encourage the growth of the poppy in China; but rather that efforts would be made to repress it. Instead of this course being pursued, however, the Chinese are encouraging the growth of the opium article, and driving Indian out of the market.

His Lordship's hope is evidently to make up on native opium what is being lost on tea.

The fish-supply of Amoy, this season, is larger and better than it has been for many years. This is true of not only Amoy proper but of the entire coast with a few trifling exceptions from Shanghai to Macao. The catch is so large that the Chinese fishermen are taking much more of their seafaring cargo to the towns and cities in the interior than they have done for a long time. This good fortune is a fair offset to the ill-fortune which the native fishermen had in November and December. *Amoy Times*.

THE Sanitary Superintendent, in his report for 1890, says:—In addition to the work carried out by property owners of their own motion, a considerable number of houses which were found on inspection to be in an insanitary condition have been retrained at the request of the Board. It has frequently happened during the year that comparatively new pipe drains have become choked, in most cases through miasma, and with a view to assisting and instructing the householders how to deal with drains thus choked, the Inspectors have been furnished with a few simple tools with which, in most cases, the drains have been cleared. Care has been taken to explain to householders that such work is the duty of the property owner, and that it has always been done to show them how the drains can be cleared and if properly used kept clear.

A SWISS engineer claims to have invented a new machine for making fireless railings out of iron rods, the machinery striking 140 strokes per minute, each stroke producing two hammers.

AT Mauritius, where the elected and non-voting members outnumber the officials, the military contribution has been reduced from Rs. 346,000 to Rs. 275,000 by 12 votes. The latter were all official voices.

A DERANGEMENT OF METAPHORS.—There is no place like the House of Commons for a nice arrangement of metaphors. A workman Major talked in his sleep of the "blistering of a bruised worm," and another graver said:—"The British Lion, whether it is roaming the deserts of India, or climbing the forests of Canada, will not draw in its horns, or retire into its shell."

ACCORDING to all accounts, the creditors of the Cape of Good Hope Bank have had a windfall. At the time of the liquidation the bank had 30,000 Pigg's Peak shares, which were scheduled at 1*s*. each. The liquidators have managed to sell them at 2*s*. and, perhaps regret now that they did not hold them a little longer. *Financial News*.

IX.—RECOGNITION of the care and attention bestowed upon H. I. H. the Czarewitch by the officers charged with the duties of supervising the harbour and public arrangements at Singapore, His Imperial Highness has appeared nearly a thousand times.

Although an Englishman by birth, Mr. Miln has spent the greater part of his life in the United States of America, and it is in that country that he made his name as an author, orator, and actor.

Since his adoption of the stage Mr. Miln has adhered rigidly to the interpretation of the legitimate drama, and it is in this higher branch of the profession that he has attained such marked distinction.

The subjoined notice appeared in the *Age* (Melbourne) in reference to Mr. Miln's impersonation of Hamlet in that city:—

"Mr. Miln's conception of this great creation is a most clever and excellent one, and I regard his reading of the character as absolutely correct. He portrays Hamlet as a man overwhelmed with grief at his royal father's death, and both anguish and disgust at the perfidy and ingratitude of his royal mother. His final effort was in the closet scene; indeed he succeeded in making a light near the spot, and had the greatest success in their application.

Mr. Miln is supported by Miss Louise Jordan, a young actress of great personal charm and recognised ability, who caused a great sensation among the theatre-going public in Melbourne by her wonderful conception of the character of Ophelia.

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The same paper thus refers to Miss Louise Jordan's acting as the Queen in Hamlet:—"Miss Louise Jordan is a woman of great personal charm and recognised ability, who caused a great sensation among the theatre-going public in Melbourne by her wonderful conception of the character of Ophelia."

THE *Argus* (Melbourne) in reference to Mr. Miln's fourth production at the *Corinthian* Theatre quite sustained his reputation as a stage manager and added to his laurels as an actor. The Merchant of Venice was presented on Saturday night in a succession of stage pictures which served to bring out the best in the play.

Mr. Miln and Miss Louise Jordan, sufficiently testified to by the fact that not in any one of the minor parts was there at any time a movement, a word, or an inflection of voice which was in the least incongruous with the incidents or the emotional interest of the play.

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